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1940 Supplement to Descriptive List.

We have on hand a quantity of our 1939 descriptive lists, and we are adding this page to cover such varieties as were left out of our last list, or new varieties that have just been added or released from import quarantine. Our savings in advertising costs are reflected in our 1940 prices, which are the lowest in our 18 years of growing gladiolus bulbs commercially.

ARMADA (Pfitzer) New. Cherry red with scarlet throat.

BAGDAD (Palmer) Smoky rose. Not new, but still one of the most popular smokies in this section.

BEACON (Palmer) Bright scarlet with creamy throat. Very tall and brilliant.

EARLY ROSE (Jack) Popular rose-pink. Early. Medium height.

EDELWEISS (Pfitzer) Pure white, with greenish cast to buds. New.

ELLEN MARIE (Pruitt) Rich salmon-pink with light buff throat mark. Wiry stem.

GRETA GARBO (K&M) New. Very tall, light pink and cream. Fine spike and excellent placement.

HEIDELBERGER SCHLOSS (Pfitzer) New. Pure amber yellow.

MYRNA (Pruitt) Nicely ruffled ivory white. Well placed florets. Medium tall, straight spike. A big winner in eastern shows in 1939.

ORANGE BUTTERFLY (Salbach) Bronzy-orange primulinus. Very popular with those who like the smaller type glads.

PELEGRINA (Pfitzer) A very popular deep violet-blue. Nice spike and placement.

VALERIA (Pruitt) Very deep pink, verging on light red. Nice spike, but inclined to be a little crowded under some growing conditions.

WHITE BUTTERFLY (Kunderd) White primulinus. Nice for table or small baskets.

ZUNI (Mitsch) A very popular new smoky. Combination of orange and slate, with light orange-salmon throat.

A GLADIOLUS SYMPOSIUM.

Cards were handed out to a part of the visitors to the 1939 Washington State Gladiolus Show, asking that they vote for their ten favorite varieties in the show. Altho there was hardly a variety in the show that did not receive one or more votes, the following is a list of the 16 receiving the most votes:

1. Marguerite (Leading by 30 votes)	8. Commander Koehl
2. Picardy	9. Golden Chimes
3. Moorish King	10. Star of Bethlehem
4. Tip-Top	11. Maid of Orleans
5. Johann S. Bach	12. Bagdad
6. Early Rose	13. Coryphee
7. Annamae Schoonover	14. Red Lory
	15. Minuet
	16. Takina

We are again offering a small packet of gladiolus seed free, if requested, with each order. This free seed offer has proved very popular, and many customers have written that they have obtained some very interesting seedlings. This seed is saved from new varieties and from our own seedlings. Some is hand crossed, but mostly pollinated by humming-birds. You may obtain a new variety that is quite different, and very satisfactory to you, altho the chances are quite heavy against obtaining a "world-beater".

WASHINGTON CUSTOMERS MUST INCLUDE STATE SALES TAX WITH REMITTANCE.

### MARGUERITE.

Our own introduction of 1939. We have recently received a number of enthusiastic reports on this variety. A commercial grower in New Jersey writes, "When cut and placed in the house, it fades a trifle to what I consider an even prettier tone. Marguerite is a pleasing relief from Picardy (for the cut flower market). I saw nothing to compare with it in new varieties at the New York World's Fair exhibition of the Metropolitan Gladiolus Society." Another grower writes from California "the most popular variety exhibited in the Hall of Flowers at the Golden Gate Exposition." Two well known growers, one in Massachusetts and one in California, write they are well pleased with it and are listing it in their 1940 catalogs. A large commercial cut-flower grower in southern Ohio writes, "Marguerite did well again this year. Bloomed during the very hot weather, and stem was a little short in proportion to the large spike of flowers it carries."

At the 1939 Show of the Washington State Gladiolus Society, Marguerite won the following awards: Best basket in the show, largest floret in the show, sweepstakes spikes in both amateur and professional exhibition classes, and grand champion spike of the show.

This variety produces plenty of bulblets but they germinate only average. This will be considered a welcome asset to most growers after the terrific propagators of the last few years.

#### Prices for 1940.

	Each	3	6	10
Large	\$2.50	\$6.50	\$12.50	\$20.00
Medium	1.50	4.25	8.00	12.00
Bulblets, each 30¢, 10 for \$2.50				

### OUR 1940 INTRODUCTION.

ANNAMAE SCHOONOVER - A seedling of Maid of Orleans, this early snow white retains all the good points of its famous parent. However, it does not have the creaminess of Maid of Orleans, but is pure, snow-white, with a tiny wine-red spot at base of petals. Blooms earlier than its parent, but not quite so tall. Has been found superior to Polar Ice as a cutflower both here and in the middle west. It is being tried out in Florida this winter. Five inch florets with five to six open. Good, straight spike. Voted the most popular white variety at the 1939 Washington State Gladiolus Show. Rapid propagator. Named in honor of that most charming young lady, Miss Washington of 1939.

This variety is not for sale this year, but one bulb will be given free with each retail order of \$3.00 or more.

### BULB SIZES.

Gladiolus bulbs are graded according to the following measurements: No. 1 is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter and up; No. 2 is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{4}$ ; No. 3 is  $1\frac{1}{4}$  to 1; No. 4 is 1 to  $3/4$ ; No. 5 is  $3/4$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; and No. 6 is  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$ . No. 1 and No. 2 make the largest spikes, altho for outdoor planting, No. 3 and No. 4 will make quite satisfactory spikes. While No. 5 and No. 6 will make small spikes with most varieties, these sizes are used to grow large bulbs for the following season.

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